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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Franco Lombardo, et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 10/081,784 : Examiner: Jan M. Ludlow

FILING DATE: 2/21/2002 : Group Art Unit: 1743

TITLE: TOOL FOR LIPOPHILICITY DETERMINATION :
IN DRUG DISCOVERY BASIC AND NEUTRAL
COMPOUNDS

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AMENDMENT B

Madam or Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Introductory comments begin on page 2 of this Amendment B.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this Amendment B.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment B.

Introductory Comments

This is in reply to the final Office action mailed May 18, 2004, in the above-identified Application and having an original period of response of three months.

A Petition for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is being filed herewith that respectfully requests that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this Application, having an original period for response of three months, which expired on August 18, 2004, be extended by two months, such that it includes and expires October 18, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114 is being filed herewith in response to the final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004 in the above-identified Application.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97 is submitted herewith.